

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This bill protects our 1st amendment rights to free speech on our institutions of higher learning. This legislative language:

- 1). Defines key campus terms.
- 2). Defines protected, lawful activities including all forms of peaceful assembly, protests, speeches, guest speakers, distribution of literature, etc.
- 3). Defines outdoor areas that are publicly accessible but public institutions can maintain and enforce reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions.
- 4). Defines free expressive activity and states that no public institution of higher education shall abridge the constitutional freedom of any member of the campus community to speak on campus.
- 5). Defines those public institutions of higher education are required to make public for students the policies regarding free expression.
- 6). Defines for reporting to the Governor and the legislature to include any claims or complaints. Nothing shall be interpreted as requiring the institution to include any information from a student's education record that would be prohibited in section 74-106(1), Idaho Code.
- 7). Defines for remedies with injunctive relief; compensatory damages; reasonable court costs; attorney fees.

## FISCAL NOTE

There is no impact to the general fund nor to any local government because this legislation centers on campus policies related to free speech. Ultimately this will save the state money by preventing lawsuits that are occurring throughout the county due to institutions of higher education limiting campus free speech.

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